

SUIT FOR LOBBYING

**Harry Snyder's Claim Against David
B. McCormack.**

JUDGE M'CAFFREY'S COURT.

Earber Asphalt Company—What He
Was Paid for His Work—A Labor
Which Was Not Altogether Prompted

Justice McCaffrey had a toothsome collation of lobbying methods and secrets served up to him this morning at the breakfast table.

David McCormick for \$100 for services from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 1892, and \$100 for services from Jan. 1 to Aug. 1, 1893. The "services rendered," according to Mr. Snyder's interesting testimony, were in fulfillment of an alleged contract to "see that the Board of Public Improvements issued a permit to lay Trinidad asphalt upon

the Hagan Opera-house, and another alleged contract "to assist in passing the stone bill, known as Senate bill No. 9, for the improvement of St. Louis streets." Mr. Snyder is a stove dealer at 1109 Pine street, but in the light of his testimony he is a man with a powerful political swing. By his testimony, also he is a citizen of much public spirit who takes a deep interest in the improvement of St. Louis streets. Mr. Snyder's grounds for attachment were that the degradation

Mr. Snyder said that he went to see Mr. Burnett, then President of the Board, Mr. Holman, then Water Commissioner, Mr. Dan Able and Mr. Gortel, in that order, and

In order to secure the permit for the Hagan Opera-house street improvement, Mr. Holman said rather expressively to Mr. Snyder, "I'll see Hades frozen over, before I'll vote for that permit." Mr. Snyder then went to Moses Ramsey and D. K. Ferguson, both of whom were on Mr. Holman's bond, and got those gentlemen to write admonitory letters to the Water Com-

missioner Mr. Holman promptly apologized to Mr. Snyder for his harsh words, and according to the testimony, relented in his opposition. In the interest of the same permit, Mr. Snyder testified, he went to Gen. Turner's home at Arcadia to get from the renowned street expert a letter indorsing Trinidad asphalt.

Gen. Turner received Mr. Snyder with open arms and gave him the letter desired. The witness took care to say that he was the only man who could get such a favor from the General. On the cross-examination Mr. Jesse McDonald elicited from Mr. Snyder that he got \$450 from Mr. McCon-

previously the board of Public Improvements episode, for his influence in getting through the Municipal Assembly a bill to put asphalt on Chestnut street from Jefferson avenue to Twenty-third street. Mr. Snyder was grateful for this bit of good fortune and promised to do whatever was in his power for Mr. McCormick. Mr.

McDonald further elicited that both Holman and Burnett voted against the Hagan Opera-house permit despite the letters from their bondsmen and from Gen. Turner.

A POINTED QUESTION.

"Did you represent yourself as an agent for the Barber Asphalt Co. for which Mr.

Mr. Snyder promptly denied that he held himself out to be a hireling of the company and declared that he acted as a citizen who had faith in the merits of asphalt. At the same time, he said, he could not give his time

for nothing, and he wanted remuneration. Mr. McCormick, in his testimony, vigorously denied that he made a contract with Snyder to secure his 'pull' for the Hazen Opera-house permit. He declared that Mr. Snyder was so well pleased with the \$450 which he got for his previous services that he worked for the permit

without promise or hope of compensation. Mr. Snyder's alleged services for the Stone bill, covered the whole range of political wire manipulation, from calling a meeting of the Builders' Exchange to get that body's approval to button-holing legislators at Jefferson City, buying drinks and cigars for

them and haranguing House and Senate committees, all of which, Mr. Snyder said, he did, in the belief that the Stone bill was for the good of St. Louis, nevertheless, he had a contract with Mr. McCormick to get \$100 for his labors. Mr. Snyder testified that he went to Jefferson City three times in behalf of the Stone bill. On his

first visit, he found Bob Campbell lobbying against the bill. Mr. Snyder threatened to denounce Mr. Campbell in every working men's union in St. Louis and the frightened Mr. Campbell promptly fled from the Capital. Mr. McDonald got from Mr. Snyder a statement that he was at LeGordon City also in the in-

that he was at Jefferson City also in the interest of the Police Commission's appointment. Mr. McCormick denied that he promised Snyder \$100 for his services at Jefferson City, and the case went over until Monday, Oct. 9, when the attorneys will submit briefs.

Anderson Committed Suicide.
A verdict of suicide was returned in the inquest upon the body of John Anderson, who was found dead in bed at his room, 2800 Wash street, yesterday morning. Anderson was

at first supposed to have died from hemorrhage due to heart disease, but upon examination a bullet hole was found behind his ear and a pistol belonging to him on the floor near the bed. He had also left a piece of paper upon which he had written: "In case of sudden illness or

death please notify Mr. Jacobs of 721 North Twenty-second street."

Charged With Embezzlement.
E. P. Dodd of the American Express Co., this morning applied to Assistant Prosecu-

ing Attorney Estep for a warrant for the arrest of an employee of theirs by the name of J. J. Kennedy on a charge of embezzlement. Kennedy is employed as a driver for the company and lives at 1230 Wash. st. Some days

ago on his rounds he took up a package from a customer containing \$150 which was to be expressed to New York. When he made his returns at night he is alleged to have held out this package, and to have subsequently spent the money. The warrant was issued.

Another Sioux City Bubble.
SIoux CITY, Io., Sept. 29.—The Manhattan Loan and Trust Co., by its attorneys, yesterday filed a petition in the United States Court for the appointment of a receiver for the

Sloux City & Northern road. The hearing will be held before Judge Shiras Tuesday. The reason for the application assigned is that the company has defaulted on its bonds. The petition is a puzzler to local railroad men and the meaning of the step is hard to understand unless it is preliminary to transfer of the title to the Great Northern.

One of the Pleasures
Of life within the reach of every man is
Old Dominion Cigarette. Photo in
package.



SPECIAL NOTICES.

ST. LOUIS, SEPT. 5—Notice: All those who have any legitimate account against the undersigned, please call on or before Oct. 1 on account of change of business. **WM. GEDDARHOF,**
THE N. BREWSTER.

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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

OLYMPIC—"The Girl I Left Behind Me."
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STANDARD CITY Sports Company.
MATINEES TO-MORROW.
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THE OPERA—"The Operatic."
HAYES—"The Tornado."

Weather forecast until Saturday evening:
For Missouri—Showers to-day and Satur-
day, excepting clearing Saturday in south-
west portion.
Heavy rains are reported from New Mexi-
co, Northern Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas,
Nebraska and Western Iowa, while lighter
showers have occurred throughout the Missouri and
the greater portion of the Central Mississippi Valley.
It is generally warmer in the central portion of
the country and about stationary temperature in
other sections.
St. Louis forecast: Rain, nearly stationary tem-
perature.

SEVERAL schools have no heat. Will
school directors tell the voters why?
The czar has dropped an icicle down the
vertebral column of Johnny Crapaud.
The stammering gentleman was not far
wrong when he spoke of our Mum-mam-
Mayor.
Let's a hungry ward worker as much
as a hungry mine?
If our Mayor but had the loquacity of
Senator Stewart we might soon know all
about the contingent fund.

THEIR Ludships will not read with any
special delight the news of Mr. Gladstone's
enthusiastic reception in Edinburgh.
SENATORS and Representatives can now
have a debate on the question which is the
best way to get practical results, eaves-
dropping or lying.

MR. VAN ALLEN has on many occasions
told what he thinks of the American
people. He is now hearing what the
American people think of him.

WILL parents remember when school
directors are to be elected that their chil-
dren's health has been trifled with by an
incompetent school director?

THE antics of Mr. Johnson of Indiana in
the House are probably not approved by
the good people of the Hoosier State.
Some of his friends should hold Mr. John-
son.

THE bill appropriating \$1,000 to pay a
debt which should be paid out of a fund
already provided is before the House of
Delegates. Is the pull strong enough to
it through?

A SENATOR STEWART's part in the
Indiana mine strike, out of which he real-
ized \$200,000, did not shock the patriots in
a Legislature that made a Senator of
him, perhaps it ought not to be thrown
up to him at this time.

PARENTS will not fail to notice that
several school houses are not heated prop-
erly. The health of the little ones is en-
dangered, perhaps their lives. This con-
dition is the result of our peculiar school
board management.

BISHOP ALEXANDER WATERS, D. D., of
the African M. E. Church, denounces
"the lynching of negroes for trifling
offenses." Does Bishop Waters, D. D.,
speak the sentiments of his race concern-
ing the moral character of outrages on
women?

SPEAKING of lynchings, Rev. Dr. J. P.
Thompson (colored) of St. Louis declared
in Indianapolis yesterday that the negroes
could come by their rights only by blood-
shed. The colored people need new
teachers.

THE Federal election law has been useful
in Florida as well as in New York. When
two Democratic members of the Legisla-
ture were arrested and held long enough
to give the Republicans time to organize
that body and elect a Republican Senator,
the law certainly worked beautifully. It

only election laws could be properly util-
ized there would be but one political party
in power in State or nation. And what a
vast amount of worry and trouble would
then be saved!

GRAND MASTER SARGENT of the Fire-
men's Brotherhood announces that there
will be no strike on the Big Four. This is
a most sensible conclusion. A strike at
this time when the country is full of men
begging for work at any price would be
very ill-timed.

PROBABLY the lowest sneak-thief en-
terprise Chicago ever engaged in is the
deliberate attempt of her newspapers to
divert visitors from St. Louis during Fair
week by reiterating the barefaced lie that

100,000 St. Louis people are to spend the
week of the St. Louis Fair in Chicago,
and that our Fall Festivities Association
and Fair and Exposition managers
have agreed that our Veiled Prophe-
tess' Pageant shall be given
in Chicago that week instead of in St.
Louis. Any town which deliberately tries
to deceive country people with such false-
hoods, is not too good to rob the visitors
she ropes in by such means. If this is the
only process by which a World's Fair can
be made to draw people to Chicago, that
show must be very hard up indeed, and a
management that would consent to any
such tactics could hardly be organized in
any city but Chicago.

STEAM PLANT SMOKE.
At the trifling cost of a few feet of steam
pipe to send draught-inducing jets of
steam into the furnace, the hitherto smoky
chimney of the POST-DISPATCH has been
kept smokeless for two weeks. The
boiler flues have been kept free from soot
than they ever were before. At the same
time the firing has been cheaper, and the
entire operation of the steam plant more
satisfactory than it ever was before.

With these jets of steam so located as to
carry the proper amount of fresh air and
oxygen over the surface of the fire, any
fireman can quickly learn how far open he
must leave the furnace doors to admit
just enough and not too much cold air
to secure a perfect combustion of those
carbon particles and distillates which foul
the flues and chimney and fill the air
with dense and sooty volumes of black
coal smoke when the combustion is less
perfect.

Of course, in starting a fire under cold
boilers, when there is no steam, the smoke
from the chimney will be as bad as ever
until the fire has generated about fifteen
pounds of steam, but thenceforward the
plant can be operated with scarcely any
visible emission of smoke from the chim-
ney top.

Since James Watt, the inventor of the
steam engine, patented the first smoke
abatement device, a great number of such
devices have been patented in England,
and some of them are said to be infallible
as smoke preventives. But London's
dense smoke blanket remains as a proof
that, for some reason, they have not been
effectually applied.

The cheap and simple method now in use
in the POST-DISPATCH establishment is
applicable to all steam plants and if ap-
plied to all such plants in St. Louis would
greatly mitigate the annoyance and inju-
rious effect of the smoke nuisance.

ENTAILED MISSIONS.
Mr. Ward McAllister, the social spokes-
man of the upper four hundred in New
York, has views on diplomatic appoint-
ments in general and the Van Allen case
in particular. "The truth or falsity of the
report that he has given of his abundance
to elect, President Cleveland," says he,
"cannot surely be an offense, as I can my-
self recall three instances of our sending
abroad Ministers who obtained their mis-
sions by a similar employment of funds to
put their party in power."

This is a frank avowal in McAllisterian
English which a wise man would not have
made, but Mr. McAllister is not a wise
man and he lets a large sized cat out of
the bag by his innocent prattle. In this, as in
other cases, Mr. McAllister plays the part
of infant terrible in the "Four Hundred"
circle.

It will be remembered that Mr. William
Waldorf Astor, sometimes called Willy
Wally, received this same appointment a
few years ago. Mr. Astor and Mr. Van
Allen are cousins by marriage. Is Willy
Wally one of the three Ministers to whom
Mr. McAllister refers? Did he buy the pos-
sion? Did he obtain it by a similar em-
ployment of funds to put his party in
power? That he did, is a reasonable infer-
ence and McAllister's confession that he
sees nothing wrong in it indicates a curi-
ous condition of political sense and polit-
ical morality among the people represented
by Astor and Van Allen.

Again, are we to understand that the
anglomaniacs have imported the English
custom of entail and adopted it in polit-
ics? Is the Italian mission entailed upon
the Astor family, to be recognized as a
family heirloom by the Government on
payment of \$50,000 every four years to the
campaign managers? This is a very happy
arrangement indeed, for we are thus guar-
anteed a rich and socially capable Minis-
ter whenever we have the election goes. Mr.
Van Allen subscribes \$50,000 to the Demo-
cratic fund, and John Jacob Astor, for in-
stance—the young man who had not sense
enough to get through Harvard—gives the

same sum to the Republicans. One or the
other is sure to get the place, and the As-
tors keep it in the family. This is very
very English, you know, quite the proper
thing, you understand.

Ward's testimony is conclusive. No
denials, evasions or explanations can alter
the fact that the upper 400 think it quite
proper to break into politics with a golden
jimmy. Ambassadors are to be entailed,
as this one has been, and divided
among the really best families, you know.
The Chollies and Chappies of really good
society, you know, are to be sent abroad
to represent the great American Demo-
cracy in the courts of Europe. The 400
are at last to take the political position
which rightfully belongs to them. Think
of it!

SURPRISE, IF NOT REMORSE.
The exciting scene in the House yester-
day, which ended with a tremendous
thumping of his desk by the Speaker to
restore order, had come near culminating
in a thumping of one member by another,
a question of veracity having been raised
between an honorable gentleman from
Massachusetts and an honorable gentleman
from Illinois—both honorable men.

But the threatened collision was not so
interesting as the facts that brought on
the trouble. Mr. Fithian's plain tale of
the way in which he was approached by
Mr. Morse, who in his capacity of member
of the Committee on Public Buildings and
Grounds offered to aid Mr. Fithian in
getting a public building for the Illinois
enlightened constituents if the Illinois
member would no longer oppose the Mas-
sachusetts member's effort to obtain per-
mission to print in the Congressional
Record certain newspaper extracts attack-
ing Commissioner Lochren, is a very pretty
illustration of the manner in which a
great deal of legislation is brought about.
It did not concern Mr. Morse whether or
not Mr. Fithian's building was actually
needed. He was ready to help Mr. Fithian
if Mr. Fithian would help him. The public
would not, of course, be con-
sidered in such an arrangement.

Mr. Morse was no doubt greatly sur-
prised and mortified at the course taken
by Mr. Fithian in exposing him. He had
only done what had been done time and
again by other respectable members—it
was only a little log-rolling, involving a
draft on the Treasury for public improve-
ments. How was a refined representative of
the best culture of Massachusetts to suspect
the wooliness of a member from the West who
might not have any public building to erect?

The best preventive of such unpleasant
scenes in the House would be a determina-
tion on the part of the members to cease
swapping votes. Constituencies are ex-
acting, it is true, but they might in time
learn to respect honest men who would
not sacrifice the general interest for that
of one community. The turbulent scene
of yesterday might be followed by great
good if it were to convert Mr. Morse into
a missionary in the cause of clean voting
in Congress. He might at least point out
the peril of making propositions to mem-
bers who are disposed to "talk out in
meeting."

The horrible story of a plot to blow up
the parliament house in Vienna would be
incredible had it not received confirmation
beforehand by similar conspiracies, suc-
cessful and otherwise, in the past. But it
may be questioned if these atrocities are
really connected with any political theory.
No doubt the vapors of blatant agita-
tors have much to do with suggesting
such plots, but the real bottom to them
lies in the criminal propensities of de-
praved wretches who, for the most part,
are incapable of entertaining any political
idea whatever. They are madmen, with a
tincture for crime. They have a lust for
destruction which springs from their own
perverted natures and is not imbibed from
doctrinal teachings. They would be
criminals under any government or in any
form of society.

SOME journals are disposed to tolerate
Ambassador Van Allen because the office of
Ambassador is a useless one, that any well
may fill to the satisfaction of the absurd
courts of Europe. Perhaps such offices are
kept up for the same reason that the ro-
bber tariff has been maintained—the nec-
essity of a campaign fund. The rich man
who contributes to a campaign fund may
be rewarded with a place abroad. The
manufacturer who contributes to a cam-
paign fund is rewarded by an increase of
duty on the article he manufactures. Re-
ally, both parties should agree on get-
ting rid of the Ambassadors. Elections
can be won without them—indeed, elec-
tions have even been won without the aid
of the protected manufacturer.

THE Chicago papers are telling their
readers that the Veiled Prophets, escorted
by 40,000 citizens of St. Louis, will go to
the Windy City and have their parade
there instead of at home. No such thing
was ever contemplated, and the Veiled
Prophet's parade will take place as per
programme. Is there any dodge too con-
temptible to be employed to put other
people's money in the pockets of the
Chicagoese?

Those distinguished pair, Messrs. Corbett
and Mitchell, are likely to get into trouble if
they undertake to give their exhibition any-
where in the State of New York. They have
not hitherto taken Gov. Flower into account,
but they will now have to consider that very
determined old gentleman, who is thus
quoted: "If the Sheriff of Kings County
permits the law against prize fighting to be
violated in that county, he and everybody
else must take the consequences. I mean

what I say." These are words with the
bark on. It is likely that the Sheriff and the
pugs will alike give them full attention.

Those partisan journals which are dis-
posed to make merry over President Cleve-
land's superfluous flesh will do well to look
over the illustrations of ex-President Har-
rison's recent appearance in Chicago. Mr.
Harrison's Prince Albert swells out
conspicuously in the front, and is evidently a
strain on the button, which might cause the
ex-President many misgivings had he not the
utmost confidence in his tailor. However,
at heart we all desire to see an abundance of
flesh on our Presidents and ex-Presidents.
It is suggestive of good nature, or at least of
good living, and we want all men to live
well.

Dr. LOCKE of Minnesota has learned by
correspondence that a large majority of Ameri-
can physicians and surgeons believe in the
Christian religion, though the contrary has
been often asserted. Every one of the lady
physicians to whom he has written he has
found to be a true believer. It is likely that
the doctors agree much better in religious
matters than in those relating to the practice
of medicine.

The Michigan young woman who has
caused the arrest of her father for ejecting
her beau from the house has given a tip to
thousands of other young women who have
beaux that pa does not approve. The lock-
ups will be overran with violent pas, and the
course of true love will at last run smoothly.

The reign of terror in Henry street, New
York, is over. A burglar aged 6 years, an-
other aged 8, and two more, who are re-
spectively 10 and 12 years old, have been run
down by police. It is to be hoped that
these formidable desperadoes may be made
to feel the fullest rigors of the law.

SHOULD eavesdropping become common
among Senators and Representatives, the
ears of statesmen would be greatly de-
veloped. Some of the gentlemen are even
now quite well prepared for this sort of ser-
vice should it be required regularly.

We have a tender feeling for Louisville and
Washington. They have kept our Browns
from getting to the tail end of the base ball
record.

THERE seems to be progress in Hawaii.
A morning paper in Honolulu has been stopped
and an evening journal has appeared in its
place.

MR. HARDIN will be confronted with no
more bills for surgical attention for his lame
wrist.

NOTA BENE: Boston takes the pennant.

A Ready-Made Bowery Play.

From the New York World.

The latest train robbery was the best one
yet reported in its dramatic quality and out-
come.
It occurred just outside of St. Joseph, Mo.
There were six of the train robbers. They
had all of their plans carefully laid for the
looting of a particular train. The railroad
made up an imitation train precisely like the
other, loaded it with armed guards and sent
it out on schedule time.

The robbers held it up in approved style.
They entered the express car without much
difficulty—the railroad people having in this
case no special objection to such en-
trance. Five minutes later two of the six
robbers were ready for the corner, three
were bound and in custody and the remain-
ing one was scurrying across country with a
squad of Missouri policemen at his heels.

No story of "The Villains Foiled, or the
Baffled Plot," which ever delighted audi-
ences at the Old Bowery could be complete
or realistic without this simple and tele-
graphic report of actual occurrences. Not
one of the guards received so much as a
scratch. The robber gang was exterminated.
Virtue was triumphant, with plenty
of incidental pistol shooting, and the busi-
ness of train robbery was at an stroke
stripped of its most alarming elements.

This a good play for every railway in the
bandit region to "put on the road."

St. Louis as a Literary Center.

From the Boston Herald.

St. Louis has long been regarded as a sort
of literary oasis in the great West. After
the great literary center of the East, there
was a gap, and the thought centers that litera-
ture and letters have established a home. Once
this was not the case, even at St. Louis, but
twenty-five years ago, when Dr. William T.
Harris was Superintendent of the Public
Schools in that city, a group of notable men
and women began to gather in St. Louis, and
Hegel, Dr. Harris was at the head of this
company, although several German gen-
tlemen, at once scholars and thinkers, were
associated with him in his studies. The
mouthpiece of this new school of culture was
the Journal of Speculative Philosophy, which
was started by Dr. Harris, and to which the
trifling of this movement contributed.
Among them the chief literary repre-
sentative was Mr. Denton J. Snider,
who, during the last twelve years, has
been engaged in interpreting the deep things
of life and art, as they are found in Homer,
Dante, Shakespeare and Goethe, to the intel-
lectual necessities of the fellow citizens.
St. Louis has been a wandering scholar, and
has disseminated in a great many cities and
towns of the Northwest the beginnings of
intellectual culture, as he has expounded to
intelligent but comparatively uneducated
people the truths and principles of life which
he has found in what he calls "literary
titles" of the world. It is the brilliant com-
pany of scholars and thoughtful men and
women once gathered at St. Louis is now
scattered, it is because they have entered
upon special fields of usefulness in other
directions; but they gave St. Louis a reputa-
tion for philosophy and letters and gen-
eral culture which even Chicago, with its
university and its Fair and its growing reputa-
tion as a publishing center, can take
away.

A Happy Hit.

From the Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

It was a very happy hit which Council
Bluffs railroad officials made in the train
robbing business, and, along with the ex-
perience met with by robbers in Illinois, will
go far to make it unpopular with the crim-
inal classes. But railroads are not often
warned beforehand, and the arming of train
guards with instructions to shoot to kill, for-
getful of the main reliance of the public
from such depredations.

Eight Hills.

From the Philadelphia Times.

Possibly Mr. Van Allen may get over the
seven hills of Rome if he can get over one
hill in the Senate.

Good Penman.

From the Chicago Dispatch.

Jim Corbett writes a good hand and Charlie
Mitchell also a pretty fair one.

San's Inhumanity to Man.

From the New York Herald.

The most of the trouble in the world is
caused by a lack of consideration.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM.

(No matter written on both sides of the sheet can
appear in this column.)

Unchristian Sunday Law.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

The bigoted Sabatarians are not con-
tented with having religious liberty or
rather not contented that the land in which
they shall live enjoy that divine blessing.
Their neighbors must do as they command if
within their power to enforce their will. And
here we find on the eve of the adjournment
of the Religious Parliament a set of self-con-
sidered saints assembled in council to dis-
cuss ways and means to enforce the heathen
Sabbath-Sunday upon this land of liberty.
Among these pious salubrities are
honest John Wamsmaker, ex-Postmaster
and millionaire, and the much esteemed
Rev. Genl. J. H. Brown, the particular and
disinterested friend of the freedman's
money.

These fanatics must believe that the Sun-
day embraces all that is required of a dis-
ciple of Christ.
The time has arrived when it behooves
every good citizen to read the Bible and see
for himself what its teachings were.
Christ was the friend of the poor and de-
voted his life to their service, and enjoined
them emphatically upon his disciples to fol-
low in that footstep. And here allow me to
quote the humble Nazarene to show whom
he regards as his disciples:

Whoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that
he hath cannot be my disciple.—Matt. 19, 23.

Let what you have and give.—Luke 12, 33.

Let them that have ears hear, and let them that
have eyes see, and let them that have hearts
understand.—Matthew 13.

He that loveth his father and mother, and
loves himself, is not a disciple of mine, but
he that loveth me, and keepeth my sayings.—John 14.

The poor being scattered all over our fair
land, it seems that if the good Sabatarians
prevail, after they would keep his sayings
by ministering to their wants instead of
posting as divine agents to enforce a law or
a custom for which there is not one iota of
authority contained in the Bible.

COMMON SENSE.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

In Iceland men and women are in every
respect political equals. The nation, about
75,000 people, is governed by representatives
elected by men and women together. The
work of education is in the hands of the
women and in the whole island not a single
illiterate is to be found.
In addition to these adjuncts of civilization
the women of Iceland have produced a
nation in which there are no prisons, no po-
lice, no thieves and no army.

It is not likely that we do very well
for a primitive people, but they would never
work in this country. It is a notorious fact
that only the most civilized and advanced
civilization can exist without such blessings,
and it has been demonstrated that an abundance
of prisons, innumerable policemen, countless
thieves and an immense army are signs of
an advancing civilization.

In addition to these adjuncts of civilization
we enjoy the favors which a member of the
House of McKim has bestowed upon us;
we are blessed with free and open combines,
and the Icelanders cannot hold a candle to
our self-made fellow citizens like Wam-
maker, Dudley, Quay, Rockefeller, Frick,
Carnegie, Reed, Astor, Van Allen and other
God-farings and good individuals.

We also have in our midst the statesmen
who so kindly volunteered to simplify
their election by trying to thrust the
force bill upon us, and the many evictions
and the numerous cases of rack renting
reminds us that the (hard) Lord has not for-
gotten us, and yet the simple minded Ice-
landers boast of their no prisons, no police,
no thieves and no army.

These benighted people are away behind the
times and it is our solemn duty to civilize
them at once with the aid of bayonets, rum
and bullets.

USCLES TOM.

Lewis Instead of Van Allen.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

In your editorial last night calling on Cock-
rell and Vest to protest against Van Allen
you do not go far enough. You should name
some one in his place and not having done
so I nominate James Paris Lewis of
Missouri.

I am not in favor of the pale gray kind
from the East when we have our own black
kind. I had, shaggy-headed Missouri
people that stands unrivaled in the world.

Wide and woolly and full of
feeling and sentimentality.

If we must have them give the West a show
and send James Paris to Rome. He will
supply the red paint and the howl.

QUID REXES.

Charity.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

A few well-known citizens of North St.
Louis are making arrangements to assist our
different orphan asylums this coming win-
ter, and as we all know that there is no more
deserving charity than the orphan, we feel
positive that it will be appreciated not only
by the orphans, but by every true friend of
every friend of the orphan. We are now
negotiating for a large hall, where we will
hold a concert for each asylum, the proceeds
to go to the orphans, and with the as-
sistance of the different managers and the
orphanage we will make it a grand suc-
cess. We will let the public know more
about it in a few days.

L. O.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

D. F. M.—A jump is compulsory in check-

F. H. W.—Cannot use the matter at this

E. S. W.—There is no premium on your

O. N.—The science you refer to is ento-

SUBSCRIBER.—The Amazon is larger than

O. O. D.—There is no premium on any of

SUBSCRIBER.—A silver dollar of 1871 is worth

only its face.

SUBSCRIBER.—There is no premium on a

25-cent piece of 1858.

CONSERVATIVE READER.—The complete records

are not yet available.

THE READER.—A quarter of 1883 without

arrows is worth \$1.00.

SUBSCRIBER.—Address of business firms are

not given in this column.

Q.—The five highest cards of a suit constitute

a royal flush in poker.

MR. READER.—Each society makes its

own rules in regard to admission.

L. A.—Half dollar of 1807, with milled edge

and thirteen stars, is worth 75 cents.

SUBSCRIBER.—It is not necessary for a lady

